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1. The Polish naval unit in Kolobrzeg (Kolberg), which consists of 250 to 300 men, is billeted on the western side of the port-canal. The vessels of this unit consist of two unarmed, flat-bottomed landing craft, each measuring 12 meters in length and 4 meters in width, and several small unarmed motorboats and sailboats. All of these vessels are usually anchored on the west side of the port-canal near the billets of naval seamen.
2. The local WOP (Military Border Guard) unit in Kolobrzeg has one patrol boat about 15 meters in length which is armed with one heavy machine gun located on its fore-deck. This boat is usually anchored on the east side of the port-canal near the house of the port director. [redacted] the name of the 1st officer of the port, who is Kury (fnu), [redacted]
3. The port-canal and the basins in Kolobrzeg harbor were deepened in 1951 and 1952 to the following depths: the port-canal to 5.50-6.50 meters; the repair basin to 4-4.80, and the fishing basin to 3.30-4.50 meters.
4. [redacted] in Darlowo (Ruegenwalde) the Polish Navy requisitioned several buildings last spring on the east side of the port-canal and converted them into billets for the seamen. This unit has the following naval ships at its disposal: one speed motorboat which is armed with one artillery gun located on its poop deck and one heavy machine gun located amidships in front of the captain's bridge; and two cutters about 18 meters in length which are each armed with one heavy machine gun located near the captain's bridge and one located on the roof of the helmsman's cabin. The crew on the speed motorboat numbers about 26 men and on the cutter, about 12 men. The local WOP unit does not have a vessel of its own, so it generally uses one of the naval cutters and its crew.
5. A new wooden pier has been under construction on the east side of the port-canal since June 1953. When completed, this pier will be about 2 meters wide, 150 meters

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long and will be about 1 meter above the water level. The naval engineers who are constructing this pier have a floating motor-driven hammer with which they drive the pilings into the water. The port-canal and basins in Darlowo were deepened in 1952 to the following depths: the port-canal to 4.50-5.20 meters; the supply basin where the ships refuel to about 4.80-6 meters; the so-called "winter basin" to 3.20-4 meters; and the fishing basin to about 1.80-3 meters.

6. The harbors of Kolobrzeg and Darlowo were closed to foreign ships, except Soviet ones, in the fall of 1952 for one or more of the following reasons:
 - a. The Polish coast from Leba to Mrzezyno (Deep) is being fortified.
 - b. The hinterland behind the aforementioned coast line is being fortified as far back as 100 kilometers.
 - c. The harbors are being adapted for the navy.
 - d. The activists tell the people that the Polish Government must take some defensive measures against the U.S. because the Americans have a large naval and air base located on the island of Bornholm which can be used as an attack base against Poland.
 - e. The Polish Government wants to make it more difficult for Poles to escape from Poland.

[redacted] the port of Ustka (Stopmuende) will also be closed to all foreign ships in the near future.¹ 25X1

1. [redacted] Comment. This rumor has been reported several times during the past year or two. 25X1

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